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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Carter ET AL

GROUP ART UNIT: UNKNOWN

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/496,695

EXAMINER: UNKNOWN

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TITLE: SUBSTITUTED BENZOPYRAN DERIVATIVES FOR THE TREATMENT  
OF INFLAMMATION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**  
**37 CFR 1.181 (a)**

The official letter (Notice of Abandonment) dated November 30, 2001 has been received, and in response thereto Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn. The Notice of Abandonment states that the application went abandoned for failure to provide a response to Notice to File Missing Parts dated April 13, 2000 and indicated the Declaration was unsigned.

In support of this Petition, Applicants submit a copy of the following documents:

A copy of the Notice of Abandonment

A copy of the Declaration filed with the application (executed by all inventors in December 1999).

In light of the foregoing, it is apparent that Applicant's did indeed submit a fully executed Declaration at the time of filing the Application.

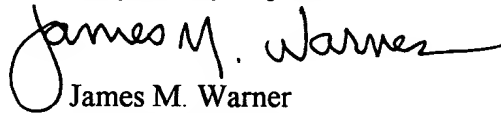
In addition, Applicants previously submitted an Associate Power of Attorney, Status Check, Information Disclosure Statement and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that reflected an incorrect application number of 09/496,694 (copy enclosed).

Applicants submit these documents under the correct application number of 09/496,695.

If a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative would aid in the prosecution of this application, please contact the representative at the number below.

Applicant's hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any other fees associated with this petition to Deposit Account No. 19-1025.

Respectfully requested,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James M. Warner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

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